

# The Intelligencer.

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## BANISHMENT CONFISCATION.

As a final act of cruelty and oppression in the South African war by the pretended Christian civilization, England, Lord Kitchener, noted for his cruel and brutal methods in former wars, issued a proclamation declaring banishment from South Africa and confiscation of property the punishment of the few brave and intrepid Boers who continue to fight for the homes and firesides which they love so dearly. Having failed with an army of five to one to drive from the field or capture the handful of patriots that still hold out in the grim struggle for liberty, Lord Kitchener now proposes to rob them of the homes for which they have been fighting. He may be able to accomplish the confiscation of the Boers' homes but before he can banish them from the country it will be necessary for him to catch them, and if he has no better success in the catching process than he has had heretofore it is likely to be some time before he will succeed in banishing all the Boers from South Africa. As the hard patriots have been enabled for so long to escape his charges and his leaden bullets they will be likely to escape for sometime his proper proclamation.

It is a sad commentary on the civilization of the twentieth century that other nations are compelled to sit complacently by and witness without protest the consummation of one of the most nefarious greed-inspired schemes that has ever darkened the pages of history.

## THE DROUTH OF 1874.

The following is taken from the Weekly Caucasian of August 15th 1874, which goes to prove we have lived through at least one drouth as severe as the one just ended.

Te Deum Laudamus: The parched and thirsty earth rejoices. Just as we had lost all hope of ever seeing another shower. Just as every green thing seemed to perish, and the hearts of men began to despair. Just as we concluded the Almighty was preparing all creation for the kindling torch of universal conflagration. The glorious rain came pattering down. All through Thursday night its gentle, joyous music tinkled on roof and window pane. And famine has missed its victims this time. Languid nature revives and every plous soul exclaims: Praise the Lord for his merciful kindness endureth for ever.

## OUR APPLE PIES NEXT.

There is current in the Missouri apple country a report that a three million dollar combine is trying to buy up all of Missouri's big red apples and make a few millions of dollars out of this world famed and delicious product of our state. Not satisfied with combinations and trusts on almost everything else we wear and eat the greed of the combinations is going after our apple pies.

## TEDDY'S KANSAS BOOM.

It is reported from Topeka, Kas. that M. Lesler, a republican politician of New York is in that city in the interest of Roosevelt's presidential boom. He is starting a movement for a Roosevelt club in every county in Kansas. Teddy does not intend that Hanna or any of the presidential bee chasers shall get the start of him in the race.

It would seem from results that the thief who stole a valuable lot of gold bricks from the treasure vault of the large smelter in San Francisco a short time ago has made a profitable deal. He secured immunity from punishment and \$25,000 in cash for telling where the treasure could be found. Evidently prosperity has struck the burglary business and we may look for a big revival in that time.

Major Harvey W. Salmon, of Clinton, Mo., was elected commander of western division of Missouri United Confederate Veterans at their reunion held at Springfield last week.

The stormy life of Francesco Crispi went out in peace Sunday evening. He was the last of the famous group of Italian statesmen to die. In his old age he fell from power, his name was hooted in the chambers and his effigy was burned in the streets of Rome, but he will always be known as the "strong man" of Italy.

The editor of the Globe Democrat does not believe that the state finances are being mismanaged, in fact he knows he is lying, what he wants is to see the name of his sheet in as many papers as possible. Then to have the Governor notice him "swells him up," all little fellows are afflicted the same way.

The St. Louis Republic is going after the G.D. in a vigorous manner, and may the Hannibal organ be made to bite its own tongue off before its readers get into the habit of repeating its false assertions of dishonesty at the Missouri capital. Our sympathy is with its readers.

When told a few days ago that Webster Davis received \$180,000 for his book on the Boer-British war, R. C. Kerens brought an interview with a reporter for a St. Louis paper to an abrupt close, and announced that he was too busy to be envious of anybody.

Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley believes he will be vindicated. We believe he ought to be, since the papers that have abused him and printed adverse stories concerning his action at Cienfuegos are mostly sheets that could not be believed under oath.

Being unable to accomplish much in politics, R. C. Kerens, of St. Louis, has dug deep into the mysteries of railway combinations. And, according to latest reports, he is now making some of his money back.

President McKinley will be just about as successful making Dawes senator of Illinois as Colonel Roosevelt's friends in Kansas and Kansas City will be in making him president.

The Workingmen's Committee of One Hundred in New York will hold a dollar dinner in September in honor of Henry George. Lee Merriweather, of St. Louis, will be one of the speakers.

The Missouri Statesman gives a list of the thirty-seven papers and periodicals published in Missouri in 1844. Lexington is credited with one.

It is announced that the New York police scandal is to be thoroughly probed. And everybody believes that.

## Condensed News.

It is reported that hail fell last week near Elwood, Neb., in some places a foot deep.

It is reported that the Rock Island railroad has ordered the construction of about twenty new stations in Oklahoma. They will be located on the new line extending from Anadarko to Lawton, and on the line from Chickasha to Granite.

Mrs. Rebecca Ann McDonald of Binghamton, N. Y., claiming to be an heir of Jacob S. Arden, is about to bring suit to recover property in New York, located in the most populous uptown district and valued at \$300,000,000.

A cow belonging to Adam Worthington, a farmer living on Cedar creek, east of Peabody, Kans., gave birth to a calf yesterday with two perfectly formed heads. The same animal gave birth to a calf two years ago with six legs, which lived several days.

Peabody, Kans., was visited by a curious phenomenon last Friday at midnight in the form of a rain of grasshoppers. The streets were literally alive with the pests and they were killed by the thousands next morning by pedestrians and teams. They drove evidently passed on, as no signs of them were visible afterward.

Kansas is so highly pleased with the result of her wheat crop this year that her farmers will put in probably six million acres of wheat this fall, about twenty per cent more than was planted last year. The ground is in fine condition for fall plowing and a ship load of seed wheat has been brought in from Russia.

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## A Nation of College Graduates.

Saturday Evening Post  
Mr. Schwab thinks that a college education is a disadvantage to a business man. Mr. Carnegie, the discoverer of Mr. Schwab, thinks so much to the contrary that he has given ten or fifteen million dollars to enable more Scotchmen to have the benefits of which he himself was deprived in his youth.

It appears as if Mr. Carnegie's views were rather more popular than Mr. Schwab's. Every commencement season sees more college graduates turned loose upon the world. Every new academic year finds college walls strained by increasing crowds of students. Where is it going to end?

Well, there is no reason why it should end at all, short of the collegiate education of every person in the community. A hundred years ago the function of the college was thought to be to train candidates for the ministry. Preachers were the only persons who really needed a college education, and that education, by the way, was less advanced in most respects than a high school training is now. Besides the ministers, it was thought that lawyers and doctors might get some benefit from a higher education, but in their case it was not at all necessary. The candidate for one of those professions might very well start in as a boy sweeping out the office of an old practitioner, and pick up a knowledge of the business in his odd moments. Outside of the three learned professions nobody had any real occasion for the things that were taught in college. Indeed, the education of that day was carefully designed to be as unpractical as possible. It gave no assistance in anything so sordid as the art of getting a living; nor did it help appreciably to expand the student's knowledge of the world in which he lived. It ran in a narrow groove, and made no concessions to vary tastes or aptitudes.

But now the whole meaning of education has been transformed. It is no longer a matter of learning to make quotations from Horace. It touches life on every side. It meets every possible need and aspiration, practical or ideal. In the hundreds of courses offered by the great American universities, with their thousands of possible permutations and combinations, there is something to fit every individual mind. There is not only the opportunity for intellectual culture beyond anything dreamed of in the old education, but there is the most practical sort of training for an infinite variety of gainful occupations as new as the modern education itself. A single electrical company this year offered positions to the entire graduating class in the department of mechanical science at Cornell.

Evidently, Mr. Schwab's ideas are not universally held in the business world.

Even now the higher education reaches directly only an insignificant fraction of the population, but there is no reason why, in time, it should not reach all. A few years ago there was a justifiable fear that an increase in the number of college student might mean the creation of a swarm of superfluous ministers, doctors and lawyers, and the subtraction from productive pursuits of numbers of young men who ought to be working with their hands. But now the young man who works with his hands can find in college plenty of material to give him pleasure and inspiration in his calling. The higher education in this country no longer tends to produce a parasitic intellectual aristocracy. The American college is the most powerful ally of American democracy.

## An Ingenious Telephone.

There is in the interior of Brazil an Indian tribe who have a highly ingenious telephone. Every savage knows that by placing his ear to the ground he can hear sounds a long distance away, for vibrations of sound travel through the ground. But these Indians have utilized their knowledge in a fashion worthy of the civilized paleface. Pits are dug in the floors of two neighboring huts, a mile or less apart, and filled with chips of wood, India rubber and other sonorous or elastic materials. They are then covered with a rubber membrane, and on speaking to one pit the words can be heard at the other pit.—The Book World.

# DIFFICULT QUESTIONS

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